

Exhibit 1

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2 Q. The co-op was not demanding
3 that you remove the birds from the
4 premises, were they?

5 A. Well, you did tell me when I
6 called you when I received the Notice to
7 Cure, you told me that I might have to get
8 rid of my birds.

9 Q. Ms. Lesser, I don't recall a
10 conversation whether it took place or not,
11 but the question is -- I'm not the co-op,
12 okay?

13 A. You represent the co-op.

14 Q. Ms. Lesser, please. Do you
15 have anything in writing from the co-op in
16 which they demanded that you remove the
17 birds from the premises?

18 A. No. They said stop the bird
19 noise.

20 Q. Beg your pardon?

21 A. All they said was stop the bird
22 noise.

23 Q. All they said was stop the bird
24 noise?

25 A. Right.

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2 Q. And that's been consistent
3 throughout the proceedings? They wanted
4 you to stop the bird noise, isn't that
5 true?

6 A. Bird noise that never happened.
7 I mean, I'm not -- but they --

8 Q. That's what they had been
9 asking for?

10 COUNSELOR KENNEDY: Objection.
11 Please let the witness answer.

12 COUNSELOR LIVINGSTON: She's
13 answering.

14 A. This is made up stories about
15 the birds.

16 Q. Okay, but whether it's made up
17 or not --

18 A. I don't now how to stop bird
19 noise when it's not happening, Sir.

20 Q. That was on you to take care
21 of, right?

22 A. What I'm saying is that wasn't
23 the case.

24 Q. All right.

25 A. So what else am I supposed to

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2 do?

3 Q. Assuming for the purposes of
4 this conversation, the Board --

5 A. So I left.

6 Q. -- believed there were noise
7 coming from the birds that were disrupting
8 others --

9 A. Charlotte and two board
10 members.

11 Q. The co-op wanted you to do what
12 was necessary to prevent the noise from
13 disturbing neighbors, true?

14 A. I don't know. Nobody would
15 ever meet with me or speak with me. All I
16 have is two letters from Halstead and a
17 Notice to Cure and a court order for a
18 Holdover Proceeding.

19 Q. And a petition?

20 A. It doesn't matter what it was.
21 You know what I mean.

22 Q. None of the relief the co-op
23 was asking for was for you to remove the
24 birds or get rid of the birds or however
25 you want to phrase it, correct?

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2 A. That's what you told me when I
3 called you to ask you for help.

4 Q. Do you have anything in
5 writing?

6 A. I don't have anything in
7 writing from the co-op because no one would
8 speak to me, Peter.

9 Q. Okay. Thank you.

10 A. And after being harassed and
11 terrified for my life and my birds' lives
12 and -- my doctor in -- on July of 2016, she
13 -- I would like to read this for the
14 record. This is from Dr. Tutter. I
15 believe her deposition is tomorrow. She's
16 been my psychiatrist, I believe, since
17 2009. "Dear Ms. Lesser, as per our
18 discussion today in the office, in my
19 professional opinion, staying in your
20 apartment at 230 East 15th, Apartment 5J,
21 New York City, is not compatible with your
22 mental health, due to the aggravated,
23 emotional abuse you have been subjected to.
24 I advise that you move to a supportive
25 living situation, that you regain your